

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1164

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to dedicate certain funds for the purpose of reducing violence and hate crime against Native Americans and reducing incidents of crime on reservations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2001

Mr. BACA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Native American Hate
5 Crimes and Criminal Justice Grant Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) A Justice Department study released this
2 year by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, concerning
3 violent crime among different races and ethnic
4 groups, shows an alarmingly high rate of violence
5 against Native Americans, as crime against other
6 groups has fallen.

7 (2) Native Americans were twice as likely to be
8 victims of violent crime, including spousal abuse, as
9 other ethnic groups.

10 (3) Violence against women, juvenile and gang
11 crime, hate crimes against Native Americans, and
12 child abuse remain serious problems.

13 (4) It is important that we recognize all that
14 Native Americans have given to this country. We
15 should ensure proper funding to combat these prob-
16 lems.

17 (5) Funding for Native American law enforce-
18 ment is especially crucial in light of information
19 from the Justice Department that confirms that
20 while national crime continues to drop, crime rates
21 on Indian lands continue to rise, due to lack of prop-
22 er law enforcement and judicial funding.

1 **SEC. 3. DEDICATION OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE PUR-**
2 **POSE OF REDUCING VIOLENCE AND HATE**
3 **CRIMES AGAINST NATIVE AMERICANS AND**
4 **INCIDENTS OF CRIME ON RESERVATIONS.**

5 Section 1001(a)(11)(B) of the Omnibus Crime Con-
6 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
7 3793(a)(11)(B)) is amended—

8 (1) by designating the first through fourth sen-
9 tences as clauses (i) through (iv), respectively; and

10 (2) by amending clause (iv), as so redesignated,
11 to read as follows:

12 “(iv) In view of the extraordinary need for law en-
13 forcement assistance in Indian country, for each fiscal
14 year, the following amounts of funds available under part
15 Q shall be made available for grants to Indian tribal gov-
16 ernments or tribal law enforcement agencies:

17 “(I) Not less than \$100,000,000, for carrying
18 out activities with the purpose of reducing violence
19 and hate crime against Native Americans and reduc-
20 ing incidents of crime on reservations, including but
21 not limited to counseling and social work services re-
22 lating to domestic violence and spousal abuse, addi-
23 tional policing, activities relating to tribal courts or
24 prosecutors, and programs to reduce hate crimes
25 against Native Americans.

- 1 “(II) An appropriate amount of funds, for car-
- 2 rying out activities in furtherance of the other pur-
- 3 poses of part Q.

